

3<sup>RD</sup> AMPANG SUPERBOWL MALAYSIA  
INTERNATIONAL GRADED CHALLENGE 2014  
13 SEPTEMBER 2014 – 27 SEPTEMBER 2014

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## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **1. Championship Organization and Sanction**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Ampang Superbowl Malaysia International Graded Challenge 2014 is organized by Ampang Superbowl Malaysia and sanctioned by Malaysian Tenpin Bowling Congress (MTBC) and Asian Bowling Federation (ABF)

### **2. Eligibility**

This Tournament is open to all current paid up members of MTBC and Tenpin Bowling Associations or Congresses affiliated to ABF with good standing and certified members of WTBA affiliates. All local participants must show proof by producing their membership cards or receipts for examination. All overseas participants must obtain clearance from their respective National Tenpin Bowling Associations.

### **3. Averages**

Only official averages of MTBC will be used. Overseas bowlers must produce written confirmation of their averages from their respective National Association or Congress.

### **4. Handicap**

There shall be only one division for the competition and bowlers will be allocated handicap for following category:

Men's Graded	0 handicap
Ladies Graded	5 handicap
Veteran*	3 handicap

\*Note: All bowlers born in the year of 1959 & before.

## 5. Events

- 5.1 **Singles** – 3 games will be bowled in this event. A bowler may try in as many attempts but the scores will only be listed in the Singles event and not be counted in the Master Qualifying. A bowler may win only 1 prize in the Singles Event.
- 5.2 **Master Qualifying** – 3 games will be bowled in this event. A bowler may bowl as many times as he/she chooses. The best two attempts (total 6 games) will be listed for ranking into the Master Qualifying.
- 5.3 **Desperado** - One game (with handicap) to select the top 3 for the Masters Finals will be bowled in the event on the last squad on Saturday, 27 September 2014, (1.00AM). A bowler must bowl at least 6 MQs to be eligible to compete in the Desperado Squad. The fee is RM150
- 5.4 **Master** – Scores obtained in the best 2 MQs will be used for Master Qualifying. This event is open to those bowlers who have registered at least 1 Singles and have paid up proof of their Registration.

Number of Finalist in the Masters:

**MASTER**        (a) **Top 30 Qualifiers**  
                      (b) **Top 3 Ladies**  
                      (c) **Top 3 Veterans**  
                      (d) **Top 3 from Desperado Squad**  
**TOTAL FINALISTS 39 BOWLERS**

All the above top qualifiers based on the qualifying score, will be listed in the Championship Result Board from the start of the qualifying rounds till the end of last squad at 11.30PM on September 26, 2014. In the event of tie for the last position in the qualifying round, the highest last game in the MQ will decide, i.e. the higher last game of the 2<sup>nd</sup> best 3 games. If there is still a tie, the higher 2<sup>nd</sup> last game will decide and will continue until the tie is broken.

**All qualifiers must check with the Tournament Director 24 hours before their finals roll off, to confirm their fixtures and/or check for any changes in the schedule.**

## 6. Reporting Time

All Master Finalist must check in personally 30 minutes to one hour before their roll off time. Reserves will be called 15 Minutes before roll off

## 7. Master Finals

The 39 Master Finalists will bowl 10 games with handicap.

STEPLADDER FINALS – The 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> placed bowlers will bowl one game with handicap. The winner with the highest score will then qualify to meet the 1<sup>st</sup> placed bowler in a one plus one game stepladder grand finals. In the event the 1<sup>st</sup> placed bowler loses the 1<sup>st</sup> game, there will be one more game (sudden death) roll off on scratch to decide the Champion

## **8. Registration and Fees**

Registration fee is RM120 per bowler, which is inclusive of tournament souvenir and Victory Banquet, must be paid upon registration.

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| 1. MQ/Singles Special | RM70  |
| 2. MQ                 | RM90  |
| 3. Singles            | RM90  |
| 4. Desperado          | RM150 |
| 5. Masters Final Fee  | RM500 |

## **9. Squad Time**

If preferred squad times indicated on the entry forms are eligible, the Tournament Directors or their Assistants reserve the right to reallocate squad times at their discretion.

The Tournament Directors reserve the right to open additional squads.

## **10. Substitutions**

Substitutions may be allowed provided it is reported to one of the Tournament Directors or their Assistants and duly approved by at least 15 minutes the time of play.

## **11. Verification of Scores**

It is the responsibility of each bowler and/or the team captain to verify the correctness of each game bowled by signing on the official entry form. Once signed, the score shall stand unless otherwise decided by the Tournament Committee.

In the event of any interruptions caused by power failure, any part of a game that cannot be recalled will be re-bowled from the first frame. If more than one game cannot be recalled, the series shall be declared null and void and a fresh series be rescheduled. If only one frame is missing, the bowler shall continue from the last frame bowled.

## **12. Registration of Bowling Balls, Illegality and Disqualification**

All participants are advised to check their bowling balls used in the tournament are certified as legal for weight and other specifications before they compete in their events. The onus is on the bowler to ensure that all balls he/she uses are certified legal as above.

If at any time a bowler is found to have used an illegal ball even if previously certified legal by the Tournament Officer, he/she shall be disqualified from the entire Tournament and stripped of all his/her winnings or positions standing and if the Tournament Committee is of the opinion that such usage was deliberate and was intended to cheat, he/she may be further reported to the MTBC Disciplinary Committee / or ABF Executive Committee for additional penalization. He/she may also be asked to return immediately to one of the Tournament Directors any awards that may have already been given to him/her.

## **13. Cheating**

Any bowler found guilty of cheating at scores, averages eligibility or in any other counts will be immediately disqualified from the entire tournament and reported to the Disciplinary Committee of MTBC for the further action. He/she will also be stripped of his /her winnings and positions standing and be asked to return to the Tournament Committee Directors any awards that may have already been given to him/her. When in doubt, bowlers are reminded to consult the Tournament Directors on any issues.

## **14. Tie Breaking Procedure**

When a tie occurs for the last placed in the masters qualifying, the highest last game (including handicap) in the qualified MQ will decide, i.e. the highest last game of the 2nd best 3 games.

If a tie occurs in the last position after of the Masters, the bowler with the highest last game (including handicap) will be declared the winner. If the last game is still a tie, the 2nd last game (including handicap) will decide. This will continue until the tie is broken.

## **15. Bowlers Attire**

- a) All male bowlers in shorts and/or singlet's will not be permitted to bowl. Female bowlers may wear half-length slacks.
- b) Bowlers are requested to be dressed for their events with a sense of decorum. Rubber bands or socks pulled over trousers/slacks will be disallowed.
- c) Jeans will not be allowed in the MASTER FINALS.

## **16. Slow Bowling**

- a) A bowler who is in readiness to step on the approach to deliver a ball, shall have the following rights and obligations;  
They may claim right of way over anyone moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their left.
- b) Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn should not delay to go to the approach, is a lane immediately adjacent to them on the left and right side is clear.
- c) Penalty shall be imposed to bowler(s) who four (4) frames slower from the leader not counting the end pair of lanes. The penalty will be to forfeit the score in the next frame.

## **17. Protest**

- a) Scores: Must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Directors or their Assistants within 12 hours of the event, and in the case of an elimination round, before the next round. In the case of the last match of the Step Ladder Grand Finals of the Master event, such protests, if any should be addressed to the same officials before prizes presentation. No protest made after the prize presentation will be entertained.
- b) Foul: Must be brought to the attention of the Lane Marshall before the delivery of the next ball. No complaints made the 2<sup>nd</sup> ball has been bowled shall be entertained.
- c) Eligibility: Must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Directors or their Assistants within 24 hours of the first infringement or before the next round or prize presentation or whichever is earlier.

## **18. Special Notes**

- a) Bowlers are requested to refrain from swearing on the lanes.
- b) Bowlers shall restrict themselves to their respective lanes and exercise consideration for all participants.
- c) Bowlers wearing soft rubber soles on their non- sliding foot may be barred from further bowling subject, to the scrutiny of the Tournament Directors.
- d) Bowlers are not allowed to sand or apply any form of liquid or chemical on the surface of bowling balls during any block of competition.
- e) The Tournament Directors reserve the right to accept any entry they deem it.
- f) Any matters arising and not covered in these Tournament Rules will be decided by the Tournament Chairman, the Tournament Directors or the Tournament Committee whose decision shall be final subject only appeal to the MTBC Council. Such appeal should be made in writing and within 48 hours of the decision by any of the above.

Notwithstanding the above, an appeal FOR THE DECISION OF THE MTBC may still be lodged with Asian Bowling Federation but through the MTBC and within 30 days of the MTBC Council's decision.